



# **Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet**

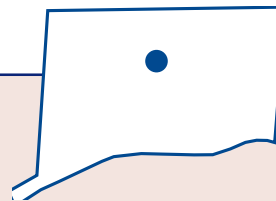
## *North Star Center for Human Development, Inc., Hartford, CT*

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The North Star Center for Human Development, Inc., was selected to receive a job training grant. North Star, a non-profit service organization affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, will focus on the



### **Job Training Grant**

**\$200,000**

EPA has selected the North Star Center for Human Development, Inc., for a job training grant. North Star plans to train 60 participants, place 54 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for up to two years. The training program will consist of three, 322-hour training cycles focusing on environmental health and safety, industrial hygiene, remediation technologies, and lead and asbestos abatement. Successful graduates will obtain certifications in lead and asbestos abatement and HAZWOPER. A partnership of eight organizations will recruit students from Hartford's brownfields impacted communities, with an emphasis on North End residents. Primary trainers will be North Star and the Hartford Board of Education. North Star will work with local environmental employers to place graduates in environmental jobs.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 1 Brownfields Team  
617-918-1305  
<http://www.epa.gov/region01/brownfields/>

Grant Recipient: North Star Center for Human Development, Inc., CT  
860-246-3526

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

North End neighborhood (population 34,172) in Hartford. The North End was the city's commercial and manufacturing center until the 1980s and 1990s when

Hartford transformed into a corporate hub. The transformation left the North End with dormant brownfields, deteriorating industrial structures, and the highest rates of poverty, unemployment, and crime in the city. Poverty is as high as 50 percent and the unemployment rate is as high as 9.6 percent in some North End neighborhoods where nearly all residents are minorities. The presence of former factories and industrial sites, combined with deteriorated social conditions in the North End, threatens public health and has suppressed redevelopment in Hartford. In response, Hartford has begun a comprehensive revitalization program to address the abandoned, blighted, and potentially hazardous properties in the North End and thus enhance the quality of life. Redevelopment activities will significantly increase the demand for environmental workers.